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We just received the very sad news that Len Sassaman has passed away at the age of 31 - Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and wife Meredith (<a href="mailto:omaradydd">omaradydd</a> (<a href="http://twitter.com/#!/maradydd">http://twitter.com/#!/maradydd</a>) on Twitter). From Wikipedia:

**Len Sassaman** (1980-2011) was an advocate for <u>privacy (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Privacy)</u>, maintainer of the <u>Mixmaster anonymous remailer</u> (<u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mixmaster\_anonymous\_remailer</u>) code and remop of the randseed remailer.

Mr. Sassaman was a well-known <u>cypherpunk (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cypherpunk)</u>, cryptographer and privacy advocate. He worked for Network Associates (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Network\_Associates) on the PGP (<u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pretty\_Good\_Privacy)</u> encryption software, was a member of the Shmoo Group (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shmoo\_Group), a contributor to the OpenPGP (<u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenPGP) IETF (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IETF) working group</u> (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Working\_group), the GNU Privacy Guard (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GNU\_Privacy\_Guard) project, and frequently appeared at technology conferences like <u>DEF CON (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DEF\_CON)</u>. Sassaman was the co-founder of <u>CodeCon (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CodeCon)</u> along with <u>Bram Cohen</u> (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bram\_Cohen), co-founder of the HotPETS workshop (with Roger <u>Dingledine (http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?</u> <u>title=Roger\_Dingledine&action=edit&redlink=1)</u> of <u>Tor</u> (<u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tor\_%28anonymity\_network%29)</u> and <u>Thomas Heydt-Benjamin</u> (http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Thomas\_Heydt-Benjamin&action=edit&redlink=1)), co-author of the <u>Zimmermann–Sassaman key-signing protocol</u> (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zimmermann%E2%80%93Sassaman\_key-signing\_protocol), and was an organizer of the protests following the arrest of Russian programmer <u>Dmitry Sklyarov</u> (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dmitry\_Sklyarov).

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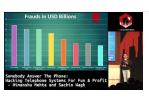
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